

Torrance Municipal Bus Lines' new routes are not paying off, as city officials thought they would when they installed them a few weeks ago.

The Long Beach run suffered a loss of .048 cents per mile during the first month of operation of the new route which eliminated Hawthorne. The loss, when the Hawthorne run was being made, was .032 cents per mile.

Revenue on the Long Beach-El Nido run in October was \$2,996.95, or .194 cents per mile. Costs were \$3,744.16, or .242 cents per mile.

Revenue on the old Long Beach-Hawthorne run for August was \$3,784.92, or .226 cents per mile, and the cost \$4,215.70, or .258 cents per mile. The August business was done while El Camino College was not in regular session.

The new El Camino College-Kettler Knolls (local) run lost .189 cents per mile during the month of October, reports show. The revenue was \$292.27, or .06 cents per mile, and the cost, \$1218.20, or .249 cents per mile.

Hollywood Riviera and Waverly lines are improving, it was pointed out, with a loss of only .125 cents per mile for the month. Revenue was \$668.71 or .116 cents per mile, and costs, \$1388.14, or .241 cents per mile.

The costs per mile are not actual, but include excessive appreciation figured in by auditors, it was pointed out, but the need for local business points to the fact that the bus lines need "promoting" by the city, in the way of a "ride the

buses" campaign of advertising. Meanwhile, Los Angeles line continues to be the money-maker, earning almost enough to defray the loss on local lines.

In October, the revenue on Los Angeles lines was \$11,851.04, or .357 per mile. Cost was \$8452.67 (including depreciation) or .253 per mile, leaving a net of .104 cents per mile. In August, the Los Angeles line earned \$11,891.00, but costs were higher, \$9,271.13, leaving a net gain of .078 cents per mile.

# THANKSGIVING DAY



Original Sketch by Tollman & Fleener

## November 30 Next Regular Press Edition

As a convenience to our advertisers, in view of the Thanksgiving Day holiday, the Press has issued its November 23 edition today, Sunday, instead of Thursday, Thanksgiving Day.

The Press will resume its regular schedule with its next issue, November 30.

Regular deadlines for advertising and news will be in effect for the Thursday, November edition of the Press.

Reports of Thanksgiving church services and Thanksgiving activities appear in today's Thanksgiving edition.

School classes will be dismissed Wednesday afternoon for the holiday and reconvene Monday, November 27.

All public offices and most stores will be closed Thursday, Thanksgiving Day.

## Police Wage Increase to Be Discussed

A blanket wage increase for members of the Police Department and partial payment by the City of Reserve Police Officers' uniforms will be discussed by the City Council at its next agenda meeting.

Asked for in a letter by Police Chief John Stroh addressed to the Council at its meeting last Tuesday night were also larger quarters for the Police Department. The Council asked City Manager George Stevens to present preliminary plans for remodeling of the Police Station and for a Fire station, which Stevens said would be presented to the Council at its next meeting.

## New Park For Seaside Ranchos

Negotiations for a park in the Seaside Ranchos area was authorized by the City Council last Tuesday night.

City Manager George Stevens said that he will negotiate with Truman Browne to purchase five acres for the park.

The money, said Stevens, will be taken from the \$14,000 set up in the Public Works Improvement Fund for recreation improvement of the City.

The Council voted unanimously to purchase land for the park.

## City Loses Fireman to Naval Duty

The Fire Department will lose another of its men to the armed services when Fireman Engineer Walter West reports to San Diego January 3, 1951, for naval duty.

Sixteen years with the Torrance Fire Department, West received his orders last Thursday afternoon. He will report November 22 for his physical examination.

Having served three years with the Navy during World War II, 13 months of which was spent overseas, West expects to return to the Medical Corps as an HM/1c. He served as an X-ray technician during his former service.

West, who lives at 2034 Reynolds, Torrance, is married and has one son, Bobby, 10 years of age.

## Final Ballots To Be Cast For Board

A new Board of Directors for the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will be elected by November 22, according to Russell Lund, election committee chairman.

As a result of the primary ballot returns of November 15, those qualifying for the final election include: W. T. Tillotson, incumbent; Grover Whyte, incumbent; R. I. Plomert, Jr., and W. E. Bowen. Two will be elected of the four qualified and a third director will be appointed by the new Board of Directors.

The new Board will take their official positions for the first meeting in January.

## C. Wallace Resigns City Commission

The resignation of Charles Wallace from the Recreation Commission was accepted by the City Council last Tuesday night.

On recommendation of the Recreation Commission, the Council asked the School Board to submit their recommendation of a representative to fill the vacancy on the Recreation Commission.

The Council also instructed the Mayor to prepare a letter of thanks to Charles Wallace for his service to the community or the Commission.

## Gold Rush Friday Night At Newberry's

The Sartori Ave. entrance of Newberry's, near Payless Drug Co. will be the locale of the \$100 Gold Rush give-away event 7 o'clock this Friday evening, November 24.

The \$100 Gold Rush Prize was won by Mrs. Jess Holmes of Torrance last Friday night.

## Court House for Local Area

Preliminary plans and specifications for the new South Bay Courts Building, for use by the Torrance area, to be constructed on Pacific Avenue, just south of Pacific Coast Highway were approved Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors. Final working drawings were ordered for preparation.

Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, who presented the motion, stat-

ed a structure exceeding the original cost estimate of \$58,000, approximately \$62,000 had already been budgeted for the purpose.

The plans include space for the Courtroom, jury room, Judge's chambers, County Clerk, Constable, utility rooms and public and private restrooms. Places for off-street parking will also

be provided on the one and a half acre site.

Report from Darby revealed that the building will be built in a modern style of architecture.

The architects, Frederic Barlenbrock and Robert Kliegman of Santa Monica, have been requested to expedite the final

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## NEW ROOF FOR Local Battalion To Get New Type Training

"Torrance's Own", 578th Engineer (Combat) Battalion of the California National Guard, now in Federal service, may get a new type of training.

Amphibious training with the Navy and "close support" exercises with an Air Force unit probably are in store for Southern California's 40th Infantry Division, of which the 578th is

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a part, Gen. Mark W. Clark, chief of U.S. Army field forces, said at Camp Cooke Thursday.

"Tentatively we have set the division up with the Navy for amphibious training", Gen. Clark told Maj. Gen. Daniel H. Hudelson, commanding general of the former National Guard organization.

Teamed with the infantry di-

vision-largest military organiza-

tion mobilized from the Southland since start of the Korean crisis and one of four National Guard divisions recalled to active duty-will be the 196th Fighter Squadron, a former California National Guard air unit now in training at Victorville.